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RESTRICTION RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 23, 2004, applicants provisionally elect with traverse claims 1-32 and 39-50 drawn to a process for converting a biomass into a blending component for a petroleum-derived fuel. These claims are classified as Group I by the Examiner.

REMARKS

Restriction has been required by the Examiner under 35 USC 121 to one of the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-32 and 39-50, drawn to a process for converting a biomass into a blending component for a petroleum-derived fuel;
- II. Claims 33-35, drawn to a biomass-derived blending component for a petroleum or petroleum-derived fuel comprising C₇ to C₁₀ alkylbenzene; and

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